

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (canceled).

Claim 14. (currently amended): A method for providing paying services within a radio communication network operating in accordance with one of a GSM Standard and a UMTS Standard, the method comprising:

providing at least one radio communication terminal including a device for user identification, the device being one of an SIM and a USIM;

providing at least one device for providing the paying services within an independent network of the communication network;

making a request for one of the paying services by the radio communication terminal; and

transmitting, in response to the request, at least one message generated by the user identification device to the device for providing the paying services, wherein the at least one message is formulated as a command of a command set implemented in the user identification device as specified in one of an SIM Application Toolkit, a USIM Application Toolkit and a Card Application Toolkit.

Claim 15. (previously presented): A method for providing paying services as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the device for providing the paying services, upon receipt of at least one message, effects a method comprising:

initiating a check of an account status assigned to the user identification device;

enabling provision of the requested paying service if a result of the check is positive; and

blocking provision of the requested paying service if the result of the check is negative.

Claim 16. (canceled).

Claim 17. (previously presented): A method for providing paying services as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the at least one message contains a first item of information identifying the radio communication terminal.

Claim 18. (previously presented): A method for providing paying services as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the at least one message contains a second item of information identifying a current service request.

Claim 19. (previously presented): A method for providing paying services as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the at least one message describes an order of the services requested by the radio communication terminal.

Claim 20. (previously presented): A method for providing paying services as claimed in Claim 14, wherein the paying services are at least one of a transfer of mobile emails, instant messaging, video telephony, a multimedia messaging service and a short message service, and the at least one message contains, depending upon a type of requested service, additional data required for providing the service.

Claim 21. (currently amended): A user identification device in a radio communication terminal for use in a method for providing paying services within a radio communication network operating in accordance with one of a GSM Standard and a UMTS Standard, comprising parts for generating, upon a request being made for one of the paying services by the radio communication terminal, a request message addressed to a device for providing the paying services within an independent network of the communication network, the request message thereafter being transmitted to the device for providing the paying services, wherein the user identification device is one of an SIM and a USIM, and wherein a command set implemented in the user identification device, as specified in one of a SIM Application Toolkit, a USIM Application Toolkit and a Card Application Toolkit, generates the request message.

Claim 22-23. (canceled).

Claim 24. (currently amended): A device for providing paying services within a radio communication network operating in accordance with one of a GSM Standard and a UMTS Standard, comprising:

parts for evaluating at least one message generated by a user identification device of a radio communication terminal during a request for one of the paying services within an independent network of the communication network made by the radio communication terminal, wherein the user identification device is one of an SIM and a USIM, and wherein a command set, implemented in the user identification device as specified in one of a SIM Application Toolkit, a USIM Application Toolkit and a Card Application Toolkit, generates the request message;

parts for initiating the requested paying service; and
parts for providing the requested paying service.

Claim 25. (previously presented): A device for providing paying services as claimed in Claim 24, wherein the device is embodied as a distributed arrangement including a network control device of the radio communication system for controlling a server, with the network control device including both the parts for evaluating and the parts for initiating the requested paying services.

Claim 26. (previously presented): A device for providing paying services as claimed in Claim 24, wherein the device is embodied as a server.